

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO NER
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister's package for infrastructural development to the North- East States have considered the rain water and ground water harvesting;
- (b) if so, the quantum of rain water being harvested and utilised for different purposes in the States of North-East and Sikkim; and
- (c) the quantum of amount allocated for various schemes and project under State Plan and Central Assistance for NER during 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) : The item relating to rain water and ground water harvesting is not specifically included in the Agenda for Socio- Economic development of North Eastern States and Sikkim as announced by the Prime Minister on 22nd January, 2000 at Shillong . However, this Agenda envisaged provision of Rs. 500 crores every year for Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for North East and Sikkim. Under RIDF, the State Governments may also launch programmes such as Watershed Development, Minor Irrigation, flood control measures etc. These programmes mainly aim at rain and ground water management.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The sectoral distribution of outlays for the Annual Plan 2000-01 in respect of all North Eastern States and Sikkim has not been finalised.